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Lt. General Hoyt Vandenberg Director Central Intelligence Group New War Department Building Washington, D. C.

Dear General Vandenberg:

Just a brief note to express the real thanks of the Commission for meeting with them on last Friday. I know from the comments which I heard after you had left that they felt your presentation and that of were of STAT great value.

I should like to have been present myself, but on occasions where Intelligence information is discussed, I follow the rule of excluding everyone from the room except the members of the Commission and the witnesses. Under such circumstances I feel that the persons whom we invite would feel freer to talk trankly without any fear of security leaks.

Please extend the thanks of the Commission to 25X1 for the important part which he also played in making your presentation

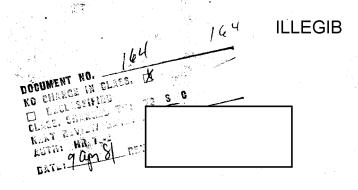
Sincerely yours.

/s/ John H. Ohly

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